Delhi, power requirement in summer months has been considerably high due to extreme weather condition and reduced availability of power due to more outages of generating units and reduced availability of hydro generation due to inadequate snow melting.

(c) The following steps/measures have been/are being taken to improve the power supply position in the cuntry;

(i) utilization of unutilized capacity of gas based stations (due to shortage of gas) on liquid fuel, efforts for speedy revival of generating units under outage and rescheduling of maintenance of generating units to the extent possible.

(ii) maximization of generation through improvement in Plant Load Factor (PLF) of thermal power stations.

(iii) early stabilization of newly commissioned units.

(iv) renovation, modernization and life extension of old and inefficient generation units.

(v) tapping of surplus power from captive power plants.

(vi) enhancement of inter-state and inter-regional transfer of power by strengthening of inter-regional transmission links.

(d) No proposal for setting up an integrated energy regulator is under consideration.

(e) Does not arise.

Hydro Power Project by NTPC in Gujarat

665. SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd. is exploring the possibility of setting-up hydro power project in Gujarat considering its longest coastline in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) NTPC is not exploring any Hydro Power Project in Gujarat at present, as based on Central Electricity Authority's (CEA) ranking study no viable Hydro Project is available in Gujarat.